

REMARKS

Applicant thanks the Examiner for the remarks and the analysis contained in Paper No. 6. Applicant thanks the Examiner for the detailed attention given to this application, which is evident from the remarks and analysis provided by the Examiner. Claims 5-14 are amended. New claims 15-19 have been added. Claims 5-19 are currently pending in this application. Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of this application.

A certified copy of the priority document for 98 08842 is enclosed to complete the priority requirement of 35 U.S.C. §119.

The Examiner objected to the drawings, Specification, Abstract and Title. The amendments to the Title, Specification and Abstract presented above are respectfully submitted to place the language in proper English and to clarify any potential ambiguities that may have been present in the Specification as previously presented. Additionally, Applicant submits proposed drawings corrections including corrections shown in red on Figures 2, 3 and 5B. Applicant respectfully submits that the Specification (including the drawings and Abstract) are acceptable as amended and that all of the Examiner's concerns have been addressed. The one exception that the Applicant takes to the Examiner's position is that Applicant respectfully submits that Figure 3 does not show a discrepancy with Figure 1 as suggested by the Examiner.

Claims 5-14 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112. Applicant respectfully submits that the claims as amended are in proper condition according to §112.

Claims 5-9 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by Sessa '060. Applicant respectfully traverses this rejection. Applicant respectfully disagrees with the Examiner's interpretation of the element 19 in Sessa as a "passage to permit an

angled introduction of the cable.” There is no teaching or suggestion within Sessa for introducing a cable through the hub 19. Instead, the cable of that reference is wrapped around the drum from the outside. Additionally, the clarifications to the structural arrangement of Applicant’s invention as presented in the amended claims further demonstrate the differences between the claimed invention and the arrangement shown in the Sessa reference.

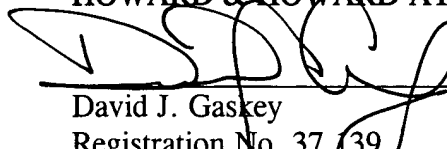
Claims 10-14 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by Yamagishi et al. Applicant respectfully traverses this rejection. Yamagishi et al. does not show a radially extending flange. The portion 49 of the drum cited by the Examiner is, at best, an axially extending flange. That is not capable of meeting the limitations of Applicant’s claims.

Applicant respectfully submits that this case is in condition for allowance. If the Examiner believes that a teleconference will facilitate moving this case forward to being issued, Applicant’s representative can be contacted at the number indicated below.

The Commissioner is authorized to charge our Deposit Account No. 08-2789 for any additional fees or credit the account for any overpayment.

Respectfully submitted,

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